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On Behalf Of:

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Measure: SB799

Chair Jama, Vice-Chair Anderson, and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today. My name is Jacob Lundahl and I live in Corvallis. I am testifying in support of SB 799 because I got an eviction judgment against me when I had long vacated my rental. I got a default judgment against me, which would not have happened if SB 799 had been in place. If my comments can help this from happening to someone else, I am grateful for the opportunity to testify.

I was renting from "your house LLC" in Corvallis Oregon. The landlord's name was Kip. My girlfriend and I signed a lease and paid the deposit and first month's rent in Jan of 2022. At the time I was under the impression it was month to month. Our landlord filed an eviction against us in June 2022, which the court threw out. I filled out the piece of paper and that time was allowed to appear when Kip the landlord said I owed him \$2000 in missed or none payment rent. Which wasn't true and the judge Williams saw that and ruled in me and my ex girlfriend Kaley Lankford's favor dismissing it without prejudice. In that hearing I stated clearly I wanted nothing to do with the place and wasn't going back. No one lived in the house from June 2022 and on... In July of 2022 from what I understand Kip the landlord filed again to evict me.. I was never served paperwork or a notice. I found out later that I got an eviction judgment against me. I was broken and felt so hopeless and lost. I never had a key to the apartment, I wasn't living there and had no plans of going back there. The judge knew it, it was on the record and I complied. Since then I can't rent anywhere. I have been homeless for the coldest parts of the year. I have congestive heart failure from open heart surgery back in 2019. Please call me for any further details I am happy to share. Also Christian Strahl of Corvallis actually told me he watched both eviction hearings and is witness to it. I've called legal aid and they said my only option was to sue but due to being homeless now and losing everything it's been least of my concerns. Staying alive has been number one.

Thank you for hearing my story. I hope you will listen to people like me and vote yes on SB 799.

Jacob